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Sir:

The following amendments accompany the U.S. national stage filing of PCT/EP00/07736. The amendments to claims 1-2 were originally submitted under PCT Article 19, and the amendments to claims 16 and 17, together with the addition of claims 20-22, are submitted to eliminate the multiple dependencies of claims 3, 16 and 17, and the improper "use" claim of claim 16. The multiple dependency of claim 3 was added as an Article 19 amendment. Claim 3 is also amended to recite a preferred acidic solution.

Applicants also provide herewith a sequence listing, in both computer readable and paper form. The enclosed sequence listing does not go beyond the original disclosure in the international application as filed. Also, the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.